



Inquiry into the Dying with Dignity Bill 2009

On 18 June 2009 the House of Assembly resolved to refer to the Joint Standing Committee on Community Development the following reference for investigation:

Terms of Reference:

The Dying with Dignity Bill 2009 together with any incidental matters.

The Dying with Dignity Bill 2009 was introduced in the House of Assembly on 26 May 2009 as a Private Members Bill and deals with the matter of voluntary euthanasia. The Bill provides for terminally ill patients who are experiencing intolerable pain and suffering to request the assistance of a doctor to end their lives.

The Committee invites written submissions from individuals and organisations with an interest in this matter. Please include all relevant detail in the written submission as verbal evidence may not be taken from all submissions. The Committee will report its findings to Parliament by 2 October 2009. A copy of the Bill may be accessed at the following web address http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/bills/pdf/37_of_2009.pdf

Written submission to the Committee should be addressed to the Secretary, Joint Standing Committee on Community Development, Parliament House, Hobart, 7000, and forwarded prior to the close of business on Friday, 31 July 2009.

Hon Kerry Finch MLC
CHAIRMAN

Submissions become Committee documents and are made public only after a decision by the Committee. Persons making submissions must not release them without the approval of the Committee. Submissions are protected by parliamentary privilege but the unauthorised release of them is not. The Committee encourages the lodgement of submissions in electronic form. Emailed submissions must include name, phone number and postal address. Guidelines for witnesses and the preparation of a submission are available on the Internet at <http://www.parliament.tas.gov.au/> or by contacting the Secretary – Ph: (03) 6233 2248 – Fax: (03) 6233 8103 – Email: committees@parliament.tas.gov.au